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FINANCING OF PARTICIPATION OF EXPERTS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND ECONOMIES IN TRANSITION IN UNCTAD'S INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXPERT MEETINGS

Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

1. The present report is submitted pursuant to the decision of the Working Party at its thirty-seventh session in June 2001 to insert the item on the agenda of its thirty-eighth session (TD/B/WP/L.100). The report provides information on the financing and participation of experts in UNCTAD expert meetings in achieving the objectives of the financing. It also contains information on the trust fund for enhancing the participation of developing country experts in UNCTAD meetings.

2. A report on the financing and participation of developing country experts in the seven UNCTAD expert meetings held in 1999 was provided to the twenty-second executive session of the Board (TD/B/EX(22)/2). At the thirty-sixth session of the Working Party, a report on the first two expert meetings of 2000 was also submitted (TD/B/WP/131). The present report covers the period from 1 January 1999 to 31 July 2001 (referred to as 1999-2001).

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3. The General Assembly, in resolution 53/3 of 12 October 1998, agreed to the use of the amount of US$ 1,088,000, *inter alia*, for the expenses of experts, attending, in their personal capacity, expert meetings convened by the Trade and Development Board. This money was used to finance the participation of experts from developing countries in UNCTAD expert meetings in 1999, 2000 and part of 2001. In 2001, UNCTAD also received a contribution from the Finnish Government in the amount of FIM 500,000 (US$ 78,568) earmarked to finance the travel of experts from least developed countries (LDCs).

4. The nomination procedure was as follows:

(i) The Secretary-General of UNCTAD included, in each notification to member States for forthcoming expert meetings, a specific request for nominees to benefit from the financing;

(ii) At least four weeks before each meeting, member States were invited to name one expert per each expert meeting to benefit from the financing, attaching a CV.

5. The Secretary-General of UNCTAD based his decisions regarding the enhancement of the participation of developing country experts on the principle of equitable geographical representation, beneficiary needs and the expertise of the experts concerned. Internal organizational arrangements were set up to ensure full implementation of the guidelines. In order to stretch available resources to cover as many experts as possible, travel was authorized on the basis of least costly fares.

6. The above provisions were applied to all of the expert meetings held since 1999 (see list in tables 1 (a) to (c). Seven meetings were held in 1999, nine in 2000 and, at the time of reporting, three meetings have been held in 2001.

7. A total of 146 experts with proven relevant experience were financed through these arrangements in 1999, 150 in 2000 and 16 so far in 2001. They were nominated by their Governments and served in their personal capacity. Total expenditures amounted to $500,288 for 1999 and $487,359 for 2000; and the total expenditures to date in 2001 are $29,572 against the "savings" and $23,909 against the Finnish contribution. For a meeting lasting three days, the average total cost incurred per expert was $3,427 in 1999, $3,249 in 2000 and $3,343 in 2001 (see tables 2 (a) to (c)).

8. In order to ensure equitable geographical representation, UNCTAD adopted as guidelines the practice established for geographical representation among developing countries in Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/222. It was understood that geographical balance would be met on an overall basis and would not necessarily be strictly applied to each expert meeting. Interest in subject matters taken up in the meetings may vary in accordance with the development interests and needs of each region or member State.

9. On that basis, the actual percentage distribution of experts, by region, compared to the target, for 1999-2001 was the following:

	Target	1999-2001
Member States from Africa	40%	42.0%
Member States from Asia and the Pacific	30%	29.2%
Member States from Latin America/Caribbean	30%	28.8%

10. In 1999-2001 there was a slight over-representation of experts coming from Africa and a very slight under-representation for experts from the Asia and Pacific region, as well as the Latin America and the Caribbean region. However, the distribution seems close enough to the target to have ensured equitable distribution (tables 3 (a) to (d)).

11. Some member States responded more than others to the request to nominate experts to participate in the expert meetings. In fact in 1999-2001, from the analysis of the number of countries covered in each geographical region, the 131 experts from Africa came from 36 different countries, the 91 experts from Asia from 22 countries, and the 90 experts from Latin America from 23 countries (table 4(d)).

12. In 1999 there were in total 45 experts (or 31 per cent of the total number of experts) from 21 least developed countries (LDCs). Of these, 37 experts came from 18 LDCs in Africa, and eight experts from three LDCs in Asia and the Pacific. In 2000 there were a total of 49 experts (or 33% of the total number of experts) from 25 LDCs. Of these, 40 experts came from 20 LDCs in Africa and nine experts from five LDCs in Asia and the Pacific. In 2001, seven experts (44 per cent of the total) from seven LDCs have attended the expert meetings so far. Details are contained in tables 4 (a) to (c).

13. Finally, with regard to the gender dimension, it is interesting to note that in 1999, 27 of the 146 experts financed from capitals were women (18.5 per cent of experts). In 2000 the number increased to 34 women financed out of a total of 150 (22.7 per cent of experts). In 2001, three out of 16 experts have been women (18.8 per cent of experts). The overall average for the period 1999-2001 is 20.5 per cent, representing 64 women out of a total of 312 experts financed. The gender distribution is shown in tables 5 (a) to (d).

14. All regions nominated women experts during the 1999-2001 period. Latin America and the Caribbean nominated 26 women experts out of 90 (29 per cent), with more than half of those countries from the region which participated in the meetings nominating at least one woman. Africa nominated 21 women experts out of 131 (16 per cent), with 39 per cent of participating countries from the region nominating at least one woman. Asia and the Pacific nominated 17 women out of 90 (19 per cent), with 33 per cent of the participating countries nominating at least one woman. Details are contained in tables 6 (a) to (c).

15. Participation by developing countries in the expert meetings for 1999-2001 was fairly high, both of experts financed by their own Governments and of those financed by UNCTAD. In fact, out of 1,137 experts from capitals who attended meetings, 872 were from developing countries (77 per cent). Of those, 312 were financed by UNCTAD (36 per cent) and 262 came from LDCs (23 per cent). However percentage-wise and despite the fairly high overall participation, the number of experts from capitals has been steadily declining.

16. If the number of experts from capitals registered to attend the expert meetings in 1999 is compared with 2000 and 2001, it is all the more evident that there has been a substantial decrease in participation of experts from capitals (table 7). In 1999, 42 per cent of experts from developing countries were financed. This number dropped to 35 per cent in 2000 and to 17 per cent in 2001. The number of experts from capitals of both developed and developing countries per meeting has followed a similar downward trend. The total number has gone from 68 in 1999 to 60 in 2000 and 38 in 2001. The number of experts from developing countries per meeting went from 50 in 1999 to 48 in 2000 and 31 in 2001.

Overall financial summary

17. For the period of 1 January 1999 to 31 July 2001, total expenditures on the financing of experts amounted to $1,017,219 as against the original savings allocation of $1,088,000 and $23,909 as against the Finnish contribution. The average cost of travel/DSA amounted to $3,337.

18. To date, and aside from the above-mentioned Finnish contribution, two Governments have contributed a total of $4,000 to the UNCTAD the trust fund established in 1998 to enhance the participation of developing country experts in UNCTAD expert meetings.

19. The secretariat estimates that the remaining balance can cover the travel/DSA of up to seven experts per meeting for the remaining five expert meetings in 2001.

Conclusions

20. In the report to the twenty-second session of the Trade and Development Board (TD/B/EX(22)/2), the secretariat expressed the view that the quality and relevance of both the discussions at, and the outcome of, expert meetings convened in 1999 had been enhanced as a result of the presence of the additional experts from developing countries financed through the aforementioned arrangements. Members of the Board, in their discussion on the issue, shared that assessment. The experience of the secretariat on the meetings held in 2000 and the three meeting held so far in 2001 confirms the continuing validity of this conclusion.

21. The secretariat has made the utmost efforts to ensure satisfactory geographical balance. The representation of LDCs has improved over the period of 1999-2001. In 1999, it went from 16 per cent of the total experts from capitals to 27 per cent in 2000 and 32 per cent in 2001. This increase can be attributed to not only UNCTAD's efforts to ensure a minimum number of experts financed were from LDCs but also to the generous contribution from the Finnish Government, which was earmarked to finance experts from LDCs.

22. Nevertheless, the overall downward trend in the participation per meeting of experts from capitals from developing countries is closely linked to the availability of resources to defray the travel and related costs of such experts.

23. It is clear that the financing has enhanced the participation of experts from developing countries, in particular LDCs. If the financing of experts from capitals cannot be sustained (be it from UNCTAD's trust funds or from Governments themselves), the current downward trend in participation is likely to continue in the future and may potentially affect the work and the role of the expert meetings.

24. The setting up of the expert meetings, and the related commissions, was one of the pillars of the reform of UNCTAD at its ninth session (May 1996), bringing specialized expertise to bear on the work of the intergovernmental machinery. The special provision for financing of experts has directly facilitated the participation of experts from developing countries, in particular from those countries with contributions to make but that would otherwise not have been able to participate. The intergovernmental work of UNCTAD has clearly benefited from their participation. Experts have shared their experiences and contributed to consensus-building. If the quality and relevance of UNCTAD expert meetings is to be retained, and where possible enhanced, ways and means will need to be found to enable an adequate number of experts from interested countries to participate in such meetings.

Table 1(a): Participation of experts from capitals in UNCTAD expert meetings in 1999

Meeting	Dates	Experts from capitals					Overall* Participation
		Total from DCs	of which LDCs	of which financed	Total N° experts	% experts from DCs	
Expert Meeting on International Investment Agreements	24-26/03/99	34	2	17	62	55%	182
Expert Meeting on Trade in the Agricultural Sector	26-28/04/99	71	4	17	91	78%	199
Expert Meeting on Sustainable Financial and Non-financial Services for SME Development	02-04/06/99	50	16	25	69	72%	141
Expert Meeting on Air Transport Services	21-23/06/99	39	14	17	49	80%	103
Expert Meeting on Portfolio Investment Flows and Foreign Direct Investments	28-30/06/99	35	8	15	58	60%	118
Expert Meeting on the Impact of Changing Supply-and-Demand Market Structures on Commodity Prices and Exports of Major Interest to Developing Countries	07-09/07/99	49	17	29	59	83%	116
Expert Meeting on Capacity-building in the Area of Electronic Commerce: Legal and Regulatory Dimensions	14-16/07/99	73	15	26	91	80%	181
TOTAL		351	76	146	479	73%	1040
Percentage of LDCs or financed experts/total developing country experts			22%	42%			

* Overall participation includes experts from capitals and participants from Geneva-based Missions, IGOs, specialized agencies, UN, NGOs, panellists and special guests.

Table 1(b): Participation of experts from capitals in UNCTAD expert meetings in 2000

Meeting	Dates	Experts from capitals					Overall* Participation
		Total from DCs	of which LDCs	of which financed	Total N° experts	% experts from DCs	
Expert Meeting on Mergers and Acquisitions: Policies aimed at Maximizing the Positive and Minimizing Possible Negative Impact of International Investment	19-21/06/00	19	2	13	33	58%	113
Expert Meeting on Impact of the Reform Process in Agriculture on LDCs and Net Food-Importing Developing Countries and Ways to Address their Concerns in Multilateral Trade Negotiations	24-26/07/00	39	17	16	54	72%	133
Expert Meeting on Electronic Commerce and Tourism	18-20/09/00	57	17	17	70	81%	165
Expert Meeting on National Experiences with Regulations and Liberalization: Examples in the Construction Services Sector and its Contribution to the Development of Developing	23-25/10/00	34	10	14	38	89%	85
Expert Meeting on Systems and National Experiences for Protecting Traditional Knowledge, Innovations and Practices	30/10-1/11/00	70	26	17	85	82%	260
Expert Meeting on Home Country Measures	8-10/11/00	60	25	17	70	86%	129
Expert Meeting on the Relationships between SMEs and TNCs to Ensure the Competitiveness of SMEs	27-29/11/00	35	4	18	55	64%	102
Expert Meeting on the Impact of Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Actions	04-06/12/00	49	11	19	67	73%	143
Expert Meeting on Human Resources Development and Training in Trade-Supporting Services: Key to growth with special potential for LDCs	13-15/12/00	66	37	19	72	92%	146
TOTAL		429	149	150	544	79%	1276
Percentage of LDCs or financed experts/total developing country experts			35%	35%			

* Overall participation includes experts from capitals and participants from Geneva-based Missions, IGOs, specialized agencies, UN, NGOs, panellists and special guests.

Table 1(c): Participation of experts from capitals in UNCTAD expert meetings in 2001**

Meeting	Dates	Experts from capitals					Overall* Participation
		Total from DCs	of which LDCs	of which financed	Total N° experts	% experts from DCs	
Expert Meeting on International Arrangements for Transfer of Technology: Access to Technology and Capacity-building	27-29/06/01	11	3	5	12	92%	73
Expert Meeting on Ways to Enhance the Production and Export Capacities of Developping Countries of Agricultural and Food Products, including Niche Products, such as Environmentally Preferable Products	16-18/07/01	45	24	5	53	85%	126
Expert Meeting on Energy Services in International Trade: Development Implications	23-25/07/01	36	10	6	49	73%	127
TOTAL		92	37	16	114	81%	326
Percentage of LDCs or financed experts/total developing country experts			40%	17%			

* Overall participation includes experts from capitals and participants from Geneva-based Missions, IGOs, specialized agencies, UN, NGOs, panellists and special guests.
** Covers the period of 1 January 2001 to 31 July 2001.

Table 2(a): Expenditures for experts financed and attending UNCTAD expert meetings in 1999 (in US$)

Meeting	Dates	N° experts financed	Total cost US$	Average cost per expert US$
Expert Meeting on International Investment Agreements	24-26/03/99	17	60'441	3'555
Expert Meeting on Trade in the Agricultural Sector	26-28/04/99	17	65'440	3'849
Expert Meeting on Sustainable Financial and Non-financial Services for SME Development	02-04/06/99	25	84'649	3'386
Expert Meeting on Air Transport Services	21-23/06/99	17	54'528	3'208
Expert Meeting on Portfolio Investment Flows and Foreign Direct Investments	28-30/06/99	15	52'497	3'500
Expert Meeting on the Impact of Changing Supply-and-Demand Market Structures on Commodity Prices and Exports of Major Interest to Developing Countries	07-09/07/99	29	95'428	3'291
Expert Meeting on Capacity-building in the Area of Electronic Commerce: Legal and Regulatory Dimensions	14-16/07/99	26	87'305	3'358
TOTAL		146	500'288	3'427

Table 2(b): Expenditures for experts and attending UNCTAD expert meetings in 2000 (in US$)

Meeting	Dates	N° experts financed	Total cost US$	Average cost per expert US$
Expert Meeting on Mergers and Acquisitions: Policies aimed at Maximizing the Positive and Minimizing Possible Negative Impact of International Investment	19-21/06/00	13	45'557	3'504
Expert Meeting on Impact of the Reform Process in Agriculture on LDCs and Net Food-Importing Developing Countries and Ways to Address their Concerns in Multilateral Trade Negotiations	24-26/07/00	16	56'811	3'551
Expert Meeting on Electronic Commerce and Tourism	18-20/09/00	17	61'492	3'617
Expert Meeting on National Experiences with Regulations and Liberalization: Examples in the Construction Services Sector and its Contribution to the Development of Developing	23-25/10/00	14	46'284	3'306
Expert Meeting on Systems and National Experiences for Protecting Traditional Knowledge, Innovations and Practices	30/10-1/11/00	17	58'221	3'425
Expert Meeting on Home Country Measures	8-10/11/00	17	48'881	2'875
Expert Meeting on the Relationships between SMEs and TNCs to Ensure the Competitiveness of SMEs	27-29/11/00	18	56'663	3'148
Expert Meeting on the Impact of Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Actions	4-6/12/00	19	62'301	3'279
Expert Meeting on Human Resources Development and Training in Trade-Supporting Services: Key to growth with special potential for LDCs	13-15/12/00	19	51'149	2'692
TOTAL		150	487'359	3'249

Table 2(c): Expenditures for experts financed and attending UNCTAD expert meetings in 2001* (in US$)

Meeting	Dates	N° experts financed	Total cost US$	Average cost per expert US$
Expert Meeting on International Arrangements for Transfer of Technology: Access to Technology and Capacity-building [1/]	27-29/06/01	5	15'461	3'092
Expert Meeting on Ways to Enhance the Production and Export Capacities of Developping Countries of Agricultural and Food Products, including Niche Products, such as Environmentally Preferable Products [2/]	16-18/07/01	5	17'730	3'546
Expert Meeting on Energy Services in International Trade: Development Implications [3/]	23-25/07/01	6	20'290	3'382
TOTAL		16	53'481	3'343

* Covers the period of 1 January 2001 to 31 July 2001.

1/ One expert out of the 5 was financed from the Finnish contribution for a total of US$ 4,583.

2/ Two experts out of the five were financed from the Finnish contribution for a total of US$ 10,801.

3/ Three experts out of the 6 were financed from the Finnish contirbution for a total of US$ 8,525.

Table 3(a): Experts financed and attending UNCTAD expert meetings in 1999 by geographical region

Meeting	Dates	Africa	%	Asia	%	Latin America	%	Total
Expert Meeting on International Investment Agreements	24-26/03/99	5	29.4%	6	35.3%	6	35.3%	17
Expert Meeting on Trade in the Agricultural Sector	26-28/04/99	7	41.2%	5	29.4%	5	29.4%	17
Expert Meeting on Sustainable Financial and Non-financial Services for SME Development	02-04/06/99	10	40.0%	7	28.0%	8	32.0%	25
Expert Meeting on Air Transport Services	21-23/06/99	8	47.1%	2	11.8%	7	41.2%	17
Expert Meeting on Portfolio Investment Flows and Foreign Direct Investments	28-30/06/99	4	26.7%	5	33.3%	6	40.0%	15
Expert Meeting on the Impact of Changing Supply-and-Demand Market Structures on Commodity Prices and Exports of Major Interest to Developing Countries	07-09/07/99	16	55.2%	6	20.7%	7	24.1%	29
Expert Meeting on Capacity-building in the Area of Electronic Commerce: Legal and Regulatory Dimensions	14-16/07/99	10	38.5%	9	34.6%	7	26.9%	26
TOTAL		60	41.1%	40	27.4%	46	31.5%	146

Table 3(b): Experts financed and attending UNCTAD expert meetings in 2000 by geographical region

Meeting	Dates	Africa	%	Asia	%	Latin America	%	Total
Expert Meeting on Mergers and Acquisitions: Policies aimed at Maximizing the Positive and Minimizing Possible Negative Impact of International Investment	19-21/06/00	3	23.1%	4	30.8%	6	46.2%	13
Expert Meeting on Impact of the Reform Process in Agriculture on LDCs and Net Food-Importing Developing Countries and Ways to Address their Concerns in Multilateral Trade Negotiations	24-26/07/00	8	50.0%	4	25.0%	4	25.0%	16
Expert Meeting on Electronic Commerce and Tourism	18-20/09/00	5	29.4%	4	23.5%	8	47.1%	17
Expert Meeting on National Experiences with Regulations and Liberalization: Examples in the Construction Services Sector and its Contribution to the Development of Developing	23-25/10/00	6	42.9%	5	35.7%	3	21.4%	14
Expert Meeting on Systems and National Experiences for Protecting Traditional Knowledge, Innovations and Practices	30/10-1/11/00	6	35.3%	5	29.4%	6	35.3%	17
Expert Meeting on Home Country Measures	8-10/11/00	8	47.1%	5	29.4%	4	23.5%	17
Expert Meeting on the Relationships between SMEs and TNCs to Ensure the Competitiveness of SMEs	27-29/11/00	10	55.6%	4	22.2%	4	22.2%	18
Expert Meeting on the Impact of Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Actions	4-6/12/00	7	36.8%	7	36.8%	5	26.3%	19
Expert Meeting on Human Resources Development and Training in Trade-Supporting Services: Key to growth with special potential for LDCs	13-15/12/00	11	57.9%	7	36.8%	1	5.3%	19
TOTAL		64	42.7%	45	30.0%	41	27.3%	150

Table 3(c): Experts financed and attending UNCTAD expert meetings in 2001* by geographical region

Meeting	Dates	Africa	%	Asia	%	Latin America	%	Total
Expert Meeting on International Arrangements for Transfer of Technology: Access to Technology and Capacity-building	27-29/06/01	3	60.0%	1	20.0%	1	20.0%	5
Expert Meeting on Ways to Enhance the Production and Export Capacities of Developping Countries of Agricultural and Food Products, including Niche Products, such as Environmentally Preferable Products	16-18/07/01	2	40.0%	2	40.0%	1	20.0%	5
Expert Meeting on Energy Services in International Trade: Development Implications	23-25/07/01	2	33.3%	3	50.0%	1	16.7%	6
TOTAL		7	43.8%	6	37.5%	3	18.8%	16

* Covers the period of 1 January 2001 to 31 July 2001.

Table 3(d): Experts financed and attending UNCTAD expert meetings by geographical region - Summary for 1999-2001**

Year	Africa	%	Asia	%	Latin America	%	Total
1999	60	41.1%	40	27.4%	46	31.5%	146
2000	64	42.7%	45	30.0%	41	27.3%	150
2001*	7	43.8%	6	37.5%	3	18.8%	16
TOTAL	131	42.0%	91	29.2%	90	28.8%	312
TARGET DISTRIBUTION		40%		30%		30%	

** Covers the period of 1 January 1999 to 31 July 2001.

Table 4(a): Distribution of experts financed per country within geographical region and with special attention to LDCs (1999)

Geographical region	Africa			Asia			Latin America	
	1		Algeria	4	LDC	Bangladesh	4	Argentina
	1	LDC	Angola	1	LDC	Bhutan	1	Barbados
	1	LDC	Benin	4		China	5	Bolivia
	2	LDC	Burkina Faso	3		India	3	Brazil
	4		Cameroon	3		Indonesia	5	Chile
	1	LDC	Chad	1		Iran	2	Colombia
	1	LDC	Comoros	1		Malaysia	1	Costa Rica
	1	LDC	Congo	3	LDC	Nepal	5	Cuba
	1		Côte d'Ivoire	3		Pakistan	1	El Salvador
	2		Egypt	4		Philippines	3	Guatemala
	6	LDC	Ethiopia	2		Singapore	2	Honduras
	2	LDC	Gambia	1		Sri Lanka	1	Jamaica
	3	LDC	Guinea	4		Thailand	2	Nicaragua
	1		Kenya	1		Turkmenistan	1	Panama
	2	LDC	Lesotho	5		Viet nam	2	Paraguay
	1	LDC	Madagascar				4	Peru
	3	LDC	Mali				1	St. Lucia
	3	LDC	Mauritania				1	Trinidad & Tobago
	2		Mauritius				1	Uruguay
	2		Morocco				1	Venezuela
	1	LDC	Mozambique					
	1	LDC	Niger					
	1		Nigeria					
	1		Senegal					
	1		South Africa					
	2	LDC	Sudan					
	3	LDC	Tanzania					
	3		Tunisia					
	3	LDC	Uganda					
	4		Zimbabwe					
Total experts:	60	37		40	8		46	0
Total countries:	30	18		15	3		20	0

		of which LDCs:	
GRAND TOTAL experts:	**146**	**45**	31%
GRAND TOTAL countries:	**65**	**21**	32%

Table 4(b): Distribution of experts financed per country within geographical region and with special attention to LDCs (2000)

Geographical region	Africa		Asia		Latin America	
	1	Algeria	3	LDC Bangladesh	1	Argentina
	2	LDC Angola	1	LDC Bhutan	1	Bahamas
	1	LDC Benin	1	LDC Cambodia	2	Bolivia
	2	LDC Burkina Faso	4	China	2	Brazil
	2	LDC Burundi	1	India	2	Chile
	2	Cameroon	2	Indonesia	3	Colombia
	1	LDC Cape Verde	1	Iraq	1	Costa Rica
	1	LDC Chad	1	Jordan	4	Cuba
	1	LDC Comoros	1	Kyrgyzstan	1	Dominican Republic
	2	Egypt	5	Malaysia	1	Ecuador
	9	LDC Ethiopia	1	Mongolia	1	Guatemala
	1	LDC Gambia	2	LDC Nepal	1	Honduras
	3	Ghana	3	Pakistan	1	Jamaica
	1	LDC Guinea	7	Philippines	1	Nicaragua
	2	Kenya	2	LDC Samoa	1	Panama
	1	LDC Lesotho	1	Singapore	1	Paraguay
	1	LDC Madagascar	3	Sri Lanka	4	Peru
	2	LDC Mali	2	Thailand	1	St. Lucia
	1	LDC Mauritania	4	Viet nam	3	Trinidad & Tobago
	6	Mauritius			3	Uruguay
	1	Namibia			6	Venezuela
	1	LDC Niger				
	1	LDC Rwanda				
	1	South Africa				
	1	LDC Sudan				
	4	LDC Tanzania				
	5	LDC Togo				
	3	Tunisia				
	2	LDC Uganda				
	3	Zimbabwe				
Total experts:	64	40	45	9	41	0
Total countries	30	20	19	5	21	0

		of which LDCs:	
GRAND TOTAL experts:	**150**	**49**	33%
GRAND TOTAL countries:	**70**	**25**	36%

Table 4(c): Distribution of experts financed per country within geographical region and with special attention to LDCs (2001*)

Geographical region	Africa		Asia		Latin America	
	1 LDC Angola		1 LDC Bangladesh		1 Costa Rica	
	1 LDC Burundi		1 LDC Bhutan		1 Dominican Republic	
	1 Kenya		1 India		1 Peru	
	1 Morocco		1 Philippines			
	1 South Africa		1 Sri Lanka			
	1 LDC Uganda		1 LDC Yemen			
	1 LDC Zambia					
Total experts:	7	4	6	3	3	0
Total countries	7	4	6	3	3	0

		of which LDCs:	
GRAND TOTAL experts:	**16**	**7**	44%
GRAND TOTAL countries:	**16**	**7**	44%

* Covers the period of 1 January 2001 to 31 July 2001.

Table 4(d): Experts financed per geographical region Summary 1999-2001*

Year	Africa	Asia	Latin	Total
1999	60	40	46	146
2000	64	45	41	150
2001	7	6	3	16
Total experts:	131	91	90	312
Total countries	36	22	23	81

Table 5(a): Gender distribution of experts financed and attending UNCTAD expert meetings in 1999 (in US$)

Meeting	Dates	Women	%	Men	%	N° experts
Expert Meeting on International Investment Agreements	24-26/03/99	1	5.9%	16	94.1%	17
Expert Meeting on Trade in the Agricultural Sector	26-28/04/99	3	17.6%	14	82.4%	17
Expert Meeting on Sustainable Financial and Non-financial Services for SME Development	02-04/06/99	7	28.0%	18	72.0%	25
Expert Meeting on Air Transport Services	21-23/06/99	0	0%	17	100%	17
Expert Meeting on Portfolio Investment Flows and Foreign Direct Investments	28-30/06/99	2	13.3%	13	86.7%	15
Expert Meeting on the Impact of Changing Supply-and-Demand Market Structures on Commodity Prices and Exports of Major Interest to Developing Countries	07-09/07/99	5	17.2%	24	82.8%	29
Expert Meeting on Capacity-building in the Area of Electronic Commerce: Legal and Regulatory Dimensions	14-16/07/99	9	34.6%	17	65.4%	26
TOTAL		27	18.5%	119	81.5%	146

Table 5(b): Gender distribution of experts financed and attending UNCTAD expert meetings in 2000 (in US$)

Meeting	Dates	Women	%	Men	%	N° experts
Expert Meeting on Mergers and Acquisitions: Policies aimed at Maximizing the Positive and Minimizing Possible Negative Impact of International Investment	19-21/06/00	3	23.1%	10	76.9%	13
Expert Meeting on Impact of the Reform Process in Agriculture on LDCs and Net Food-Importing Developing Countries and Ways to Address their Concerns in Multilateral Trade Negotiations	24-26/07/00	4	25%	12	75%	16
Expert Meeting on Electronic Commerce and Tourism	18-20/09/00	1	5.9%	16	94.1%	17
Expert Meeting on National Experiences with Regulations and Liberalization: Examples in the Construction Services Sector and its Contribution to the Development of Developing	23-25/10/00	1	7.1%	13	92.9%	14
Expert Meeting on Systems and National Experiences for Protecting Traditional Knowledge, Innovations and Practices	30/10-1/11/00	4	23.5%	13	76.5%	17
Expert Meeting on Home Country Measures	8-10/11/00	3	17.6%	14	82.4%	17
Expert Meeting on the Relationships between SMEs and TNCs to Ensure the Competitiveness of SMEs	27-29/11/00	4	22.2%	14	77.8%	18
Expert Meeting on the Impact of Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Actions	4-6/12/00	6	31.6%	13	68.4%	19
Expert Meeting on Human Resources Development and Training in Trade-Supporting Services: Key to growth with special potential for LDCs	13-15/12/00	8	42.1%	11	57.9%	19
TOTAL		34	22.7%	116	77.3%	150

Table 5(c): Gender distribution of experts financed and attending UNCTAD expert meetings in 2001* (in US$)

Meeting	Dates	Women	%	Men	%	N° experts
Expert Meeting on International Arrangements for Transfer of Technology: Access to Technology and Capacity-building	27-29/06/01	1	20%	4	80%	5
Expert Meeting on Ways to Enhance the Production and Export Capacities of Developping Countries of Agricultural and Food Products, including Niche Products, such as Environmentally Preferable Products	16-18/07/01	2	40%	3	60%	5
Expert Meeting on Energy Services in International Trade: Development Implications	23-25/07/01	0	0%	6	100%	6
TOTAL		3	18.8%	13	81.2%	16

* Covers the period of 1 January 2001 to 31 July 2001.

Table 5(d): Summary of gender distribution for 1999-2001**

Meeting Year	Women	%	Men	%	Total
1999	27	18.5%	119	81.5%	146
2000	34	22.7%	116	77.3%	150
2001	3	18.8%	13	81.3%	16
TOTAL	**64**	**20.5%**	**248**	**79.5%**	**312**

** Covers period of 1 January 1999 to 31 July 2001.

Table 6(a): Gender distribution of experts financed per country within geographical region (1999)

Geographical region	Men	Women	Total	AFRICA	Men	Women	Total	ASIA	Men	Women	Total	LATIN AMERICA
	1		1	Algeria	4		4	Bangladesh	3	1	4	Argentina
	1		1	Angola	1		1	Bhutan	1		1	Barbados
	1		1	Benin	2	2	4	China	3	2	5	Bolivia
	0	2	2	Burkina Faso	3		3	India	3		3	Brazil
	4		4	Cameroon	3		3	Indonesia	5		5	Chile
	0	1	1	Chad	1		1	Iran	1	1	2	Colombia
	1		1	Comoros	1		1	Malaysia	1		1	Costa Rica
	1		1	Congo	3		3	Nepal	4	1	5	Cuba
	1		1	Côte d'Ivoire	3		3	Pakistan	1		1	El Salvador
	2		2	Egypt	3	1	4	Philippines	3		3	Guatemala
	5	1	6	Ethiopia	2		2	Singapore	0	2	2	Honduras
	2		2	Gambia	1		1	Sri Lanka	1		1	Jamaica
	3		3	Guinea	2	2	4	Thailand	1	1	2	Nicaragua
	1		1	Kenya	1		1	Turkmenistan	0	1	1	Panama
	0	2	2	Lesotho	4	1	5	Viet nam	2		2	Paraguay
	1		1	Madagascar					2	2	4	Peru
	3		3	Mali					1		1	St. Lucia
	3		3	Mauritania					1		1	Trinidad & Tobago
	2		2	Mauritius					1		1	Uruguay
	1	1	2	Morocco					0	1	1	Venezuela
	1		1	Mozambique								
	1		1	Niger								
	1		1	Nigeria								
	1		1	Senegal								
	1		1	South Africa								
	2		2	Sudan								
	2	1	3	Tanzania								
	2	1	3	Tunisia								
	3		3	Uganda								
	4		4	Zimbabwe								
Total experts:	**51**	**9**	60		34	6	40		34	12	46	
Total countries:			30				15				20	

GRAND TOTAL Men:	**119**
GRAND TOTAL Women:	**27**
GRAND TOTAL experts:	**146**
GRAND TOTAL countries:	**65**

Table 6(b): Gender distribution of experts financed per country within geographical region (2000)

Geographical region	Men	Women	Total	AFRICA	Men	Women	Total	ASIA	Men	Women	Total	LATIN AMERICA
	1		1	Algeria	3		3	Bangladesh	0	1	1	Argentina
	1	1	2	Angola	1		1	Bhutan	1		1	Bahamas
	1		1	Benin	1		1	Cambodia	2		2	Bolivia
	2		2	Burkina Faso	3	1	4	China	2		2	Brazil
	2		2	Burundi	1		1	India	2		2	Chile
	1	1	2	Cameroon	2		2	Indonesia	2	1	3	Colombia
	1		1	Cap Vert	1		1	Iraq	1		1	Costa Rica
	1		1	Chad	1		1	Jordan	2	2	4	Cuba
	1		1	Comoros	1		1	Kyrgyzstan	1		1	Dominican Republic
	2		2	Egypt	4	1	5	Malaysia	1		1	Ecuador
	8	1	9	Ethiopia	1		1	Mongolia	1		1	Guatemala
	0	1	1	Gambia	2		2	Nepal	0	1	1	Honduras
	3		3	Ghana	3		3	Pakistan	1		1	Jamaica
	1		1	Guinea	3	4	7	Philippines	0	1	1	Nicaragua
	2		2	Kenya	1	1	2	Samoa	0	1	1	Panama
	0	1	1	Lesotho	0	1	1	Singapore	1		1	Paraguay
	0	1	1	Madagascar	3		3	Sri Lanka	1	3	4	Peru
	2		2	Mali	1	1	2	Thailand	1		1	St. Lucia
	1		1	Mauritania	3	1	4	Viet nam	2	1	3	Trinidad & Tobago
	6		6	Mauritius					2	1	3	Uruguay
	0	1	1	Namibia					5	1	6	Venezuela
	1		1	Niger								
	1		1	Rwanda								
	0	1	1	South Africa								
	1		1	Sudan								
	3	1	4	Tanzania								
	5		5	Togo								
	2	1	3	Tunisia								
	1	1	2	Uganda								
	3		3	Zimbabwe								
Total experts:	53	11	64		35	10	45		28	13	41	
Total countries			30				19				21	

GRAND TOTAL Men:	**116**
GRAND TOTAL Women:	**34**
GRAND TOTAL experts:	**150**
GRAND TOTAL countries:	**70**

Table 6(c): Gender distribution of experts financed per country within geographical region and with special attention to LDCs (2001*)

Geographical region	Men	Women	Africa	Men	Women	Asia	Men	Women	Latin America
	1		1 Angola	1	0	1 Bangladesh	0	1	1 Costa Rica
	1		1 Burundi	1	0	1 Bhutan	1	0	1 Dominican Republic
	1		1 Kenya	1	0	1 India	1	0	1 Peru
	0	1	1 Morocco	0	1	1 Philippines			
	1		1 South Africa	1	0	1 Sri Lanka			
	1		1 Uganda	1	0	1 Yemen			
	1		1 Zambia						
Total experts:	6	1	7	5	1	6	2	1	3
Total countries			7			6			3

GRAND TOTAL Men:	**13**
GRAND TOTAL Women:	**3**
GRAND TOTAL experts:	**16**
GRAND TOTAL countries:	**16**

* Covers the period of 1 January 2001 to 31 July 2001.

Table 7: Participation of experts from capitals - Summary 1999 to 2001*

Experts from capitals	1999	2000	2001	1999-2001
Total N° experts	479	544	114	1137
Total from DCs	351	429	92	872
of which from LDCs	76	149	37	262
Total N° experts from DC financed	146	150	16	312
of which from LDCs	45	49	7	101
Number of meetings	7	9	3	19
N° experts per meeting	68	60	38	60
N° experts from DC per meeting	50	48	31	46
N° experts from LDC per meeting	11	17	12	14
N° experts financed per meeting	21	17	5	16
Total overall participation	1040	1276	326	2642
N° participants per meeting	149	142	109	139

* Covers the period of 1 January 1999 to 31 July 2001.